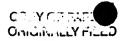
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This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/222,990, filed August 4, 2000, and entitled "A ROBUST RESERVED CYLINDER INFORMATION RETRIEVAL METHOD".